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SUMMARY. AT COEC MEETING, CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) REQUESTED NATIONAL VIEWS ON CHANGING ACTIVE DPC PLAY IN WINTEX 75 FROM MARCH 9-10 TO MARCH 7. FRG, UK, TURKEY AND US REPS STATED THEIR PREFERENCE FOR MARCH 9-10. THE OTHER REPS INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT EITHER TIME FRAME, ALTHOUGH THE NETHERLANDS FAVORED MARCH 7. CHAIRMAN ADJOUNED MEETING BY STATING THAT HE WOULD REFER THE ISSUE TO SYG FOR FURTHER ACTION. END OF SUMMARY.

CHAIRMAN OPENED DISCUSSION ON DPC PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX 75 BY REQUESTING NATIONAL VIEWS ON THE CHANGE OF ACTIVE DPC PARTICIPATION FROM MARCH 9-10 TO MARCH 7.(REF A REFERS). FRG REP (BROCKMANN) STATED THAT BONN HAD FINALIZED THEIR PLANNING FOR NATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX 75 TO COINCIDE WITH THE ACTIVE
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DPC PAHSE ON MARCH 9-10. HE SAID THAT NATIONAL PARTICIPATION WAS AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL, TO INCLUDE THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND THAT BONN STRONGLY SUPPORTED DPC CONSULTATIONS ON THE INITIAL USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS

ON MARCH 9-10. TURKEY REP (SUNGAR) AND UK REP (BEAUMONT) SUPPORTED ACTIVE DPC PARTICIPATION ON MARCH 9-10. DRAWING ON REF B, US REP (WITKO) SAID THAT THE US HAS SCHEDULED A NATIONAL EXERCISE (PRIME RATE 75) IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXERCISE WINTEX 75 AND THAT A GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED IN ANTICIPATION OF ACTIVE DPC PARTICIPATION ON MARCH 9-10. US REP CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE US SUPPORTED THE ORIGINAL DATES OF MARCH 9-10 FOR ACTIVE DPC PARTICIPATION. THE OTHER COEC REPS INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT EITHER TIME FRAME, ALTHOUGH THE NETHERLANDS REP (VAN VALDEREN) FAVORED MARCH 7. CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT HE WOULD REFER THE ISSUE TO SYG LUNS FOR FURTHER ACTION.
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